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ENTERTAINMENT



Goodbye Mr. Loser a Tragic Comedy

BY DIAO DIAO

September was a month of laughs in Chinese cinemas. While few were surprised by the box office success of Xu Zheng's *Lost in Hong Kong* or aging heart-throb Andy Lau's *Saving Mr. Wu*, *Goodbye Mr. Loser* snuck in as a surprise success.

Yan Fei and Peng Damo's tragicomic adventure opens with a wedding. But the wedding is no cause for cheers. It's the marriage of Xia Luo's dream girl, Qiu Ya, to another man.

Xia is a 30-something failure who has

made nothing out of his life since finishing high school. Desperate to win back some dignity, Xia splurges on a large *hongbao* and snazzy suit. But his carefully purchased illusion of success falls to pieces under the assault of baijiu.



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His wife, Ma Dongmei, soon tells the wedding party about her husband's shameful life and lies, and Xia makes a cowardly bolt for the men's room to escape from reality.

During a long embrace with the porcelain god, Xia falls asleep and has a long dream and returns to his high school years. He meets his dead mother and sings a song he wrote for Qiu Ya.

When Xia Luo realizes that superstars such as Jay Chou and Pu Shu are still unknown in this time, he decides to do something.

Stealing the songs of the future, Xia rockets to stardom and finds himself on the cover of TIME magazine. He is soon invited to take the stage with Na Ying at the Spring Festival Gala and to write songs for Andy Lau's new album. Xia dumps Dongmei and marries Qiu Ya, and all his former bullies come to him to beg for connections and cash.

It's the perfect life – until he realizes he threw Dongmei under the bus. Eventually, Xia begins to miss his ordinary life and laments how Dongmei was left to marry the class idiot. His regrets reach a new height when he discovers a life of hard partying and high success gave him another gift: HIV.

Swirling back into reality, Xia pushes himself up off the toilet and returns to the wedding with a new appreciation for his mediocre life.

Beyond its happy ending, *Goodbye Mr. Loser* won applause for its one-liners, such as when Jay Chou loses a singing competition and says, "I feel like living under the shadow of Xia Luo. I just don't know why."

But the real success of the comedy was more than its laughs.

Chen Peisi famously said the soul of comedy is tragedy. It pushes people to their highest point and drags them down into sadness.

Online commentator Juluo noted how closely *Goodbye Mr. Loser* followed this model with Xia Luo's return to real life. The story ends with Xia Luo and Ma Dongmei enjoying their life, but never mentions whether Xia learned to be a real man. ■

Call for Focus on Children's Learning Ancient Chinese Poem

BY DIAO DIAO

Chinese language class is an important part of elementary school. But at students get older, they are called on to study the poetry of the past.

Unfortunately, most selections tend to suck.

In a curriculum known for picking material more for its difficulty or political content, more beautiful ancient works often ends up kicked to the curb. *Chinese Poems for Children*, a recently published collection by Ye Jiaying, is intended to remedy this educational deficit by giving young readers a crash course in classical poetry and the context of its creation.

The book consists of 218 poems including 177 *shi* and 41 *ci* poetic measures, all selected by Ye to foster children's interest and learning ability. The



poems cover almost every period of time and most of China's favorite poets.

Ye said his only aim for the book was to cultivate children's interest in ancient poems and inspire them to explore China's literary tradition outside the classroom.

Born in Beijing in 1924, Ye is a descendant of the Yehenara family, one of the Manchu clans of the Qing Dynasty. She graduated from Fu Jen

Catholic University with a degree in Chinese and became a professor at National Taiwan University in 1950. In the years since, she has taught as a guest professor at Harvard University and Michigan State University.

Ye spent her life studying ancient poetry. During her 70-year effort, her students included both kindergarteners and Ph.D students. Her work, which combines Western literary theory with Chinese study, demonstrates an exceptional skill at simplifying ancient verse and clarifying its meaning.

While intended for children, Ye's poetry collection is a fantastic resource for anyone looking to expand their knowledge and understanding of China's greatest literary tradition. ■



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MUSIC

LIVE SHOW ROUNDUP

Beijing boasts one of the world's most vibrant indie music scenes. Support our local artists with a trip to one of this week's live performances!

Nomak @ Mao Live House

Jazz hip-hop artist Nomak is performing in Beijing and Shanghai this autumn. Nomak is known for his keen observations and sensitivity to nature and beauty. His tracks are soft and delicate, like the work of famous composer Hisaishi. This will be Nomak's first time performing in China since the start of his publishing career in 2007.

🕒 October 23, 8:30-10:30 pm
📍 111 Gulou Dong Dajie, Dongcheng
💎 150 yuan (pre sale), 200 yuan (at door)

DJ Tsubasa @ MAO Live House

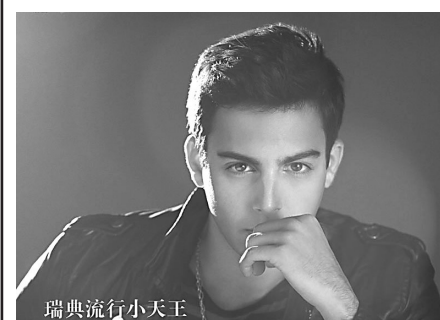
DJ Tsubasa started as a DJ at Roppongi NUTS in 1998. He has also performed at other clubs such as Shibuya Nuts, HARLEM and VUENOS. The use of his music in the film *8 Mile* may have catapulted him to international fame, but he still finds time to perform at bars and clubs throughout Japan.

🕒 October 24, 10:30 pm-midnight
📍 111 Gulou Dong Dajie, Dongcheng
💎 70 yuan (pre sale), 100 yuan (at door)

Tong Yan's Album Release @ 69 Cafe

Tong Yan is releasing her newest album at 69 Cafe. An '80s girl who studied Japanese in Dalian, Tong came to Beijing to found the Daomadan music label in 2006. Her first album, *Nanguo*, was released in 2010. Five years later she has finished a second album, *Qiqiao Linglong Xin*.

🕒 October 24, 8:30-10:30 pm
📍 109 Nanluogu Xiang, Dongcheng
💎 50 yuan (early bird), 60 yuan (at door)



Darin Zanyar @ Tango

Darin Zanyar is a Swedish superstar who started his career a decade ago. Unlike many singing competition stars who exited their contests to obscurity, Darin Zanyar found fame immediately after his Swedish Idol appearance. His first song "Money for Nothing," topped the Swedish billboards, and he sang for the Swedish royals on National Day. Zanyar has cooperated with many international superstars during the past decade. Today he is trying to break into country music. This is Zanyar's first performance in China.

🕒 October 23, 8:30-10 pm
📍 79 Hepingli Xijie, Dongcheng
💎 280 yuan (pre sale, only 500 tickets available), 380 yuan (at door)

Casino Demon Gambles on a Youth-Oriented Sound

BY DIAO DIAO

There aren't many bands in Beijing's indie scene that have survived more than a decade, but Casino Demon is one of them.

Before he became known as the band's lead singer and guitarist, Wang Zi was a member of The Gala, one of China's top indie bands of the early 2000s.

Casino Demon came out of his 2004 meeting between Wang and Liu Yang, a bass player. Eager to work together, they each brought along a guitarist and a drummer to form The Downheart. The band soon changed members and names, settling on Casino Demon as a permanent moniker.

"Casino Demon is like a demon in a gambling house. Life is a gamble, whether you're starting a relationship, a business or a band. We wanted the band to win every gamble with our effort," Wang says.

After a break in 2006, Casino Demon returned with four new members and entered the first Modern Sky Music Festival. That year, they were the only band from which fans demanded an encore.

The performance won the band a contract with Modern Sky in 2008 and a deal to publish *Teenage*, their first album. Its tracks were noted for the use

of vintage British guitars, soft melodies and youth-focused lyrics.

Casino Demon's first album was recorded entirely in English, as Wang Zi insisted that musical genre should adhere to their roots. "Rock comes from the West, so it's better presented in English," Wang says.

But at the peak of its popularity, Casino Demon faced a second lineup change.

In 2011, Casino Demon returned to the indie scene with bassist Liu Hao, drummer player Guan Zheng and keyboardist Zhou Yinlu. Its current alt rock sound is more in line with The Strokes, The Libertines and Arcade Fire with lyrics that worship youth, love and passion.

It's a sound that earned the band a backhanded comparison to being "the Chinese Arctic Monkeys."

"Arctic Monkeys is a famous and excellent British band. We appreciated the comparison, but we'd rather be known as the Chinese Casino Demon," Wang says.

In the four years it's been back, Casino Demon has again become one of the city's top indie bands. But this time around, there's more to its members' lives than the band.

Liu Hao, one of the other members, has built a reputation as the owner of School Bar, one of Beijing's most popular music venues. But before he was a bar owner, he was a founding member of Joyside and Dancers. Liu joined Casino Demon in 2009 after his last band broke up.

Keyboardist Zhou Yinlu's musical career began even earlier under the influence of his father. His father was a bug fan of Chinese singer Lin Zixiang and Japanese producer Tanimura Shinji, and Zhou fell in love with music at an early age.

"My father didn't like it," Zhou says. "I think most parents are conservative. They want to force their children to follow what they think is best. It's one of the biggest problems we face now in Beijing's music scene."

Casino Demon is confident their music can resonate with listeners. But with how complicated life in Beijing has become, youth-oriented lyrics can often fall on deaf ears.

While the band has had a steady stream of live performances, few of its songs have managed to register with mainstream listeners. Casino Demon is currently preparing to record a new album for release in April 2016. ■



Photos by Casino Demon



ARTISTS



Story about Growing-up No.2



Tune Spreading in Pastoral Area No.7



Tune Spreading in Pastoral Area No.10

Pastoral Loneliness Under the Big Sky

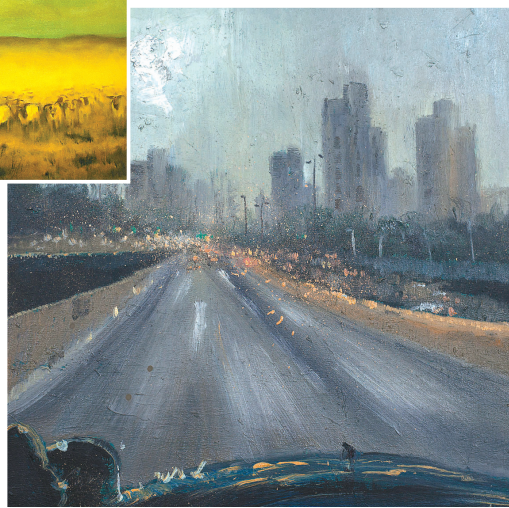
BY SHU PENGQIAN



Tune Spreading in Pastoral Area No.6



Flower No.11



Words about City No.1



Tune Spreading in Pastoral Area No.9



The Artist Li Bo

Artists have to have a sentimental heart to find inspiration from the ordinary. For painter Li Bo, inspiration comes from blue skies, running sheep and lonely shepherds.

Those ordinary pastoral sights are re-imagined in Li's sprawling *Tune Spreading in Pastoral Area* series. The paintings feature humans and animals looking away from the viewer while they are swallowed into the sprawling, natural backdrop.

"I arrange the pictures this way to create a feeling of desolation. The big sky and tiny figures emphasize the isolation of such a life," Li says.

Before developing the series, Li spent considerable time collecting and studying photos about the life of China's shepherds. Some came from his friends, and others were his own sketches of life in the pastoral parts of Qinghai.

Clear, distant and nostalgic are the three adjectives Li uses to describe his work. But those feelings spring less from his imagination than his childhood memory.

From a young age, Li traveled with his parents to Qinghai's mountains, rivers and prairies. It was a world closer to nature, where adults danced along to the music of aging cassettes or painted their own interpretations of nature. Li remembers being more than eager to help the adults squeeze out their pigments.

For Li, that happy time was different from the days he has been living in a man-made city. Today, those memories have become a priceless treasure.

As Li grew up and became a professional painter he hopes to record those images on canvas. But few of his attempts could come close to copying those memories: that was when Li turned to imagination.

Li resolved to show what the scenes should be like rather than what they may have actually been like.

"The sunshine penetrates through the white clouds and shines over a vast expanse of grassland. Together, the blue sky and golden land create a perfect picture," he says.

Apart from his landscapes, Li also paints people, cities and still objects. He has also experimented with more abstract work.

Old Person and Dogs is his portrait series featuring elderly men and women walking with their pets. The portraits give off a feeling of tranquility and peace.

In spite of an early influence from his parents' friends, famed painters Jing Hansheng and Wei Zhenjiang, Li struggled to enter the world of art. He failed the China Academy of Art's entrance exams twice. After his second failure, he rented a studio in Beijing to refine his painting technique from 2000 to 2003. But in 2003, he failed again and had to settle for an ordinary school in Shandong province. After graduating in 2006, Li took an advertising job in Shanghai.

Li never gave up his dream though, and in 2008 he was finally admitted to the China Academy of Art. After graduating, he settled down in Hangzhou to pursue his work.

His newest series, *Words about City* and *Memory about City*, record the experience of shuttling between Beijing, Shanghai, Hangzhou and Shandong. While the paintings are complete, their descriptions remain in development.

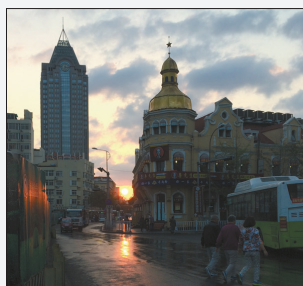
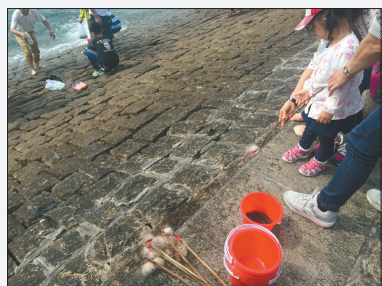
"Written descriptions are very important because they will directly influence a viewer's first impression of the picture," he says. ■

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A TRAVEL



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43 Hours in Qingdao

BY SIMINA MISTREANU

A weekend in the coastal city of Qingdao has much to offer: the relaxed coastline, which lights up at night; the Olympic sailing center; fresh seafood, Tsingtao beer and German sausages; European-style streets and a Catholic church that serves as the backdrop of many Chinese wedding photo shoots.

Here's how you can get the most out of the city in 43 hours.

Day 1, Evening: Beer Street

There's really no better way to celebrate the end of the 4.5-hour train ride from Beijing than to visit Qingdao's famous Beer Street. Travel guides describe it as a place with unique Sino-European architecture.

It's actually a street with dozens of brightly lit open-terraced restaurants that serve seafood straight from salt-water fish tanks and filtered and unfiltered Tsingtao beer.

Visitors enter the street under a brightly lit arch and walk along a cacophony of lights that converge at the Beer Museum – the site of the original Tsingtao beer factory.

Funny enough, restaurant employees try to attract patrons by advertising Tsingtao beer, which might as well flow in a river alongside the road. But once you decide on a place and pick your own fish, crabs and scallops from the fish tanks, you're sure to have a delightful and savory dinner. Musicians are also available to serenade diners.

Day 2, Morning: Olympic Sailing Center

Start your day out right with coffee on the beach. Yilangyuan Coffee Shop is a quaint place, slightly below ground level, that offers hot and cold coffee and beautiful views of the ocean. A 10-minute walk east is Qingdao's No. 3 Bathing Beach. This beach has soft, golden sand and offers great views of the city's skyline.

Dip your feet in the waves or go for a swim if the water is warm enough, as it was in early October. Alternatively, you can book a ride on a speedboat from one of the locals.

Take in the coastline's relaxed vibe. Along the shore, you might see people poking sticks with fuzzy nets through the cracks between cobblestones. They're fishing for tiny crabs, which they gather into buckets to sell to passers-by or to cook at home. Locals can also be found selling ornaments and jewelry made of shells and pebbles.

Walk back west through Qingdao Music Square, which features a statue of Austrian composer Ludwig van Beethoven and hosts frequent live concerts, and May Fourth Square, with its iconic "May Wind" (Wuyue Feng) sculpture.

The Olympic Sailing Center celebrates the city's

hosting of the sailing competition in the 2008 Olympic Games. It's a well-kept port that features the Olympic rings, a statue of the keeper of the Olympic rings and flags from the participant countries. It's also a great place to watch people and boats or go on one of the many sailing tours available.

Stop for lunch at Chuan'ge Yu Shuijiao restaurant for excellent seafood dumplings.

Day 2, Afternoon: Ride a Bike to Badaguan

The best way to experience as much as you can of Qingdao's vast coastline is on a bike. As elsewhere in China, bikers in Qingdao ride fast and chaotically, and you should too. Let the breeze caress your face during the adventure.

Ride to Badaguan, a picturesque area by the coast with historic mansions that were built during Qingdao's period as a German colony (1898-1914). The area features more than 200 villas built in the architectural styles of the countries that had consulates there: Russia, France, Great Britain, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark, Spain, Greece, the US and Japan, among others. The streets are named after ancient military forts (Badaguan means "the eight great passes"), and each is lined with a single species of trees, including peaches, pines and ginkgoes.

For being a former German colony, Qingdao has surprisingly few German restaurants. Ride west toward Laoshan Mountain to Zur Bierstube, a restaurant that serves schnitzel and schweinemedallions, among other traditional German dishes. Along the way, as the sun sets, Qingdao's skyline will light up in thousands of colors reflecting into the black sea.

Day 3, Morning: Catholic Church

One of the best things about Qingdao is its streets. Whereas Beijing was built along a classic grid, Qingdao has curvy roads that take you to surprising destinations.

The streets have a European feel, with their lines of trees and fenced courtyards around European-style buildings. At some intersections, it's hard to tell whether you're in China or Central Europe. As a bonus for urban hikers, the city is built on hills, which means you'll often be climbing or descending a slope.

Take a walk on the last morning to St. Michael's Cathedral, an iconic Catholic church on the southwest side of the city. You're likely to happen upon wedding photo shoots. Couples line up to take pictures in front of the church not because they just got married there, but because it's an exotic backdrop.

Have lunch at the nearby Wan Xin restaurant and coffee at Feiyue Shiguang Café before heading to the railway station to catch the train back to Beijing. ■



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ETCETERA

Numbers

BY DIAO DIAO

233

233 means big laugh. The number first appeared on mop.com, a popular Chinese BBS. People like to post a sticker of a laughing face when they see something ridiculous, and that sticker's code is 233. Later, people started just typing 233 instead of inserting the sticker. They often add more 3s – like 2333333 – to express serious online laughter.



Qián Fāng Gāo Néng

Qián Fāng Gāo Néng is a phrase that appears frequently on Bilibili, a website that streams films, funny videos and cartoons, etc. The phrase often appears in the stream of real-time comments from viewers who are watching the video at the same time. Second-time viewers are warning others that there are some horrible scenes coming up soon so that people can be prepared.

Qián Fāng means at the front, and Gāo Néng means powerful and strong.

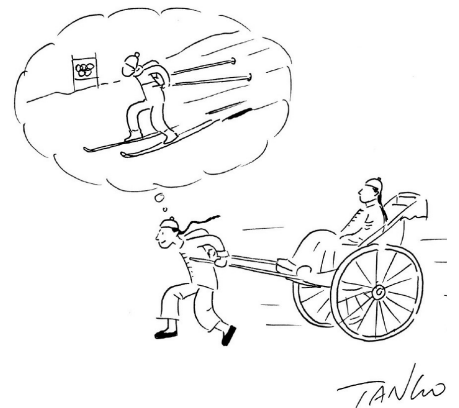


6666

6666 first appeared in the popular online game League of Legends (LOL). In the game, 6666 has two meanings. First, 6 is pronounced as liu, which is a colloquial expression for skillful. So when people type 6666, it can mean that they admire someone's gaming skills. Secondly, the pronunciation of 6 in Chinese is similar to liu, which means run away or escape. In the game, when one types 6666 to other team members, he or she wants to warn them of dangers nearby and tell them to run away. It's much easier to type a number than a Chinese word during a fierce game. Now people also use 6666 on different social platforms.



WEEKLY TANGO



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For more comics, follow his Sina Weibo feed at @tangocartoon.

Ask Beijing Today

"Ask Beijing Today" is our weekly column that attempts to make life in China less confusing.

You can email your own questions to ask@beijingtoday.com.cn.

Q. Where can I see the traditional (non-tourist) Beijing?

A. Go to the hutongs, of course! These hidden alleyways are the best places to see the real Beijing. You can rent a bike and ride it from Yonghegong to Gulou, within the second ring road.

Some foreigners also favor hiking sections of the Great Wall that are not well-preserved, and thus free of tourists.

Huanghuacheng, Jiankou and Jiuyanlou Great Wall in Huairou are all regarded as parts of the "wild Great Wall." For security concerns, you'd better join an activity group.

If you have time, we also recommend taking a stroll around Wudaokou in Haidian district to see what an authentic, modern, non-touristy Chinese college town looks like. Visit the Tsinghua and Peking University campuses while you're there and have a meal at one of the great local restaurants. It's also not far from Summer Palace and Yuanmingyuan, if you change your mind and want to visit a tourist attraction.

Q. I'm going to take the high-speed train from Beijing to Shanghai during

the holiday. Are there things to see or small towns to visit on the route? They don't have to be marquee attractions, just anything interesting or off the beaten path.

A. If you want to break the journey into stages, there are several places well worth visiting along the route. Qufu is the ancestral hometown of Confucius in Shandong province, and has various temples and museums. Heading south, there's Suzhou, a city in Jiangsu province that is famous for its classic royal gardens, and Nanjing, a former capital of ancient China. Both of them have much to offer and give a different idea of China from what you get from Shanghai and Beijing.

Q. Does street graffiti have the same negative connotations in China as it does in other countries?

A. Years before, an American made a documentary on graffiti artists in Beijing and found that graffiti is regarded as a middle-and-upper-class endeavor, simply based on the money factor. That leaves Beijing with only a small number of graffiti artists. The producer filmed them doing their work and revealed that graffiti artists mostly work in daylight and don't usually run into trouble with police. This means that in terms of graffiti culture, Beijing is "safe and open, and that was the most surprising thing," the producer said.

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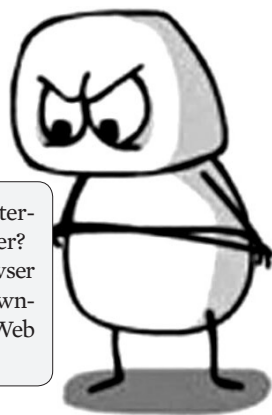


Q. Can animals really forecast an earthquake?

A. My mom said that she kicked her dog into the air shortly before the disastrous 2008 Wenchuan Earthquake.

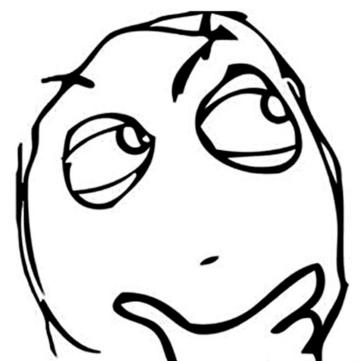
Q. What is Internet Explorer?

A. A Web browser used to download other Web browsers.



Q. Has anything ridiculous ever happened to you in the gym?

A. Once I saw some guy running on treadmill who was sweating at lot. He waved to the nearby trainer and asked for water. The trainer turned his back to the man and left.



Q. How smart can a dog be?

A. My brother has a dog. If he smacks the dog in the head while his wife is out, it will pretend to be injured when she comes home.

Q. I want to buy some gym equipment for my home. Should I buy a treadmill or spinning bike?

A. Get a treadmill. The surface is flat so you can store junk on top of it after you've given up your mission to get in shape.

Q. As a foreign student in the US, is there any way to save money?

A. Unfollow the Weibo hashtag for #US Money-Saving Bulletins#!

Q. How can you focus on something for up to four hours?

A. Tell yourself, "My deadline is tomorrow."

Q. How can I persuade my parents that having a Wi-Fi network won't give them cancer?

A. Buy them an iPad.

Q. Should I take a gap year after finishing college?

A. What!? A four-year gap wasn't enough for you?

(Questions selected from Zhihu)

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Beijing Kids 9th Halloween Costume Party

Beijing Kids and Jing Kids are back for this year's 9th Annual Halloween Costume Party. Get your tickets early before they run out!

There are three events this year: two downtown on October 25 at the Canadian School and one in Shunyi on November 1 at Keystone Academy.

Expect to be spooked with a school-themed haunted house! Kids can enjoy lots of candies and sweets, on-site trick-or-treating, real pumpkins to carve and take home and face-painting activities.

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Jack-o-Lantern Carving Contest at The Schoolhouse

From 2-3:30 pm, select a pumpkin and decorate or carve it. Participants' creations will be displayed and lit up as jack-o-lanterns at the end of the day to be judged by The Schoolhouse's team.

Prizes will be awarded to entries in the children and adult categories. The winning child or teen will get a gift certificate for 688 yuan at The Schoolhouse. The winning adult will win a free night's stay at the Brickyard and

breakfast for two.

The Schoolhouse will keep all pumpkins for display. Only registered entrants will be eligible for prizes, and registration means The Schoolhouse may announce winners' names and show their creations in its marketing materials.

Any guest who comes in a Halloween costume from 11 am-3:30 pm will receive one free dessert from the a la carte menu.

- 2-3:30 pm, October 31
- The Schoolhouse at Mutianyu, Mutianyu Village, Huairou
- 6162 6506

CULTURE



Little Yard's 2nd Anniversary Celebration

Join us at the foot of the Great Wall for an afternoon of food, culture and community in celebration of Little Yard's 2nd Birthday!

An assortment of hot refreshments will be served to warm the heart and soul! And true to Little Yard's food culture, it will be healthy and green, using vegetables from its own garden and organic pork raised in the nearby mountains.

Once your belly is nourished, step up to the East Loft to visit Saskia Jacobs, a Taichi and Chinese medicine practitioner and long-time friend of Little Yard, for a demonstration. Wind down afterward on the West Loft over a cup of hot tea prepared in the traditional way. A selection of customized teas will be served to soothe your needs.

Other activities include a lip balm-making class and cooking lessons. In addition to all the activities, guests will be entered in a raffle to receive a gift such as LY postcards or a voucher for one night's stay. Make a reservation soon, as space is limited!

- October 24, 2015
- Little Yard, 56 Sanduhe Village, Bohai Town, Huairou
- sharry@hylittleyard.com



Tai Chi Class

Tai chi is a traditional martial art that has evolved from a self-defense technique into a modern wellness practice. Its soft motions that emphasize flexibility make it especially popular with the young and old. No matter what your strength or skill level, you can practice tai chi for safe exercise.

- October 29, 1:30-3:20 pm
- Jianwai SOHO Building 9, Room 605, 39 Dongsanhuan Zhong Lu, Chaoyang
- Free
- info@chinaledu.com
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Gernot Haslauer, Joja Wendt, Franz Trattner, Richie Loidl, Clemens Vogler

2015 18:30
5% per guest
no drinks and 4 course dinner

Boogie Brunch
2015 12:00
¥ per guest

蓝调布鲁斯音乐会
2015年10月31日晚6:30分
人民币1188+15%服务费每位
包含迎酒会及4道式晚餐

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TimeOut Beijing FEURICH

Shake the Lake at Sunrise Kempinski Hotel

Come for a night of rip-roaring fun on October 31, when the Sunrise Kempinski Hotel, Beijing and Yanqi Island presents a dinner-dance extravaganza featuring pulsating boogie, swing and jazz music from the 1930s era.

The Shake the Lake Night will feature two Feurich grand pianos on stage and a highly acclaimed ensemble of charismatic and outstanding musicians who have performed around the world at top venues in major cities. Tinkling the keyboards are Richie Loidl and Clemens Vogler, presenting their piano-friend and headline-star of the concert Joja Wendt. Franz Trattner on drums and Gernot Haslauer on double bass will support the show as a groovy rhythm section.

Guests are encouraged to get in the mood with a 1930s dress code of glamour and sophistication. Ladies are encouraged to wear feather boas and cute hats, and gents should consider a white scarf and silver-tipped cane.

- 6:30-11:30 pm, Multiple Dates
- Sunrise Kempinski Hotel, 18 Yanshui Road, Yanqi Lake, Huairou
- 588/2888/4888 yuan



Fanzui Xiangfa and Bad Nerve China Tour

This October, Beijing's speedcore legends Fanzui Xiangfa join the indomitable '80s band Bad Nerve for a mini-tour of China.

The tour coincides with the celebration of Fanzui Xiangfa's 10-year anniversary. This band is no stranger to vinyl collectors and devotees of China's underground, many of whom have eagerly awaited and promptly snapped up its steady stream of 7 singles. Fanzui Xiangfa will be offering their complete, collected and career-spanning 24-track discography on CD and vinyl LP released by Genjing Records.

This joint tour was conceived out of a Scandinavian tour and a split 7 release on Genjing Records in 2014. Bad Nerve is bringing its energetic brand of noisy hardcore punk to the Middle Kingdom for the first time and they're poised to destroy stages across China with the support of friends and local acts from every dark corner of the country's underground.

- 9-11 pm, October 30
- School Bar, 53 Wudaoying Hutong, Chaoyang
- 50 yuan

SPORTS

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This is your ticket to experience the adrenalin-filled world of high-performance yacht racing!

Inaugurated in 2007, the China Cup International Regatta is the first and only big boat sailing regatta initiated in China. Approved by the General Administration of Sport, the regatta is held annually and attracts more than 100 boats with 1,000 sailors from 33 countries.

Sailors can start preparing for the race with briefings and training sessions from October 26 to 29. The race will be split into 8 sections from October 29 to November 2, with passage races between Hong Kong and Shenzhen.

- 9 am-5 pm, multiple dates
- Beijing Sailing Center, Fangze Xuan West Room, South Gate Ditan Park, Dongcheng
- 4001800107



FOODS

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Taiwan Cuisine: The Flavor of Southern Freshness

BY WANG YAN

Canadian Taiwanese fashion designer Jason Wu once said his favorite thing about Taiwan is its food. Although Taiwan as an island is to some extent isolated from the Chinese mainland, it shares an important culinary tradition.

Geographical isolation led Taiwan to develop an eclectic cuisine that blends a variety of Chinese styles from Fujian and Guangdong with those of the Hakka culture. On top of that, it has also borrowed elements from Japanese cuisine and aboriginal preferences for seafood.

Popular Taiwanese dishes include hotpot, pan-fried leek buns, turkey strips and cuttlefish soup. While Sichuan has the mainland's most famous hotpot, Taiwan's take is a curious blend of Chinese and Japanese elements. In some parts of Taiwan, hotpot is known as shabu-shabu due to the Japanese influence. And instead of using

sesame paste, the Taiwanese hotpot is eaten with a blend of shacha sauce and raw egg yolks.

Pan-fried buns are a common snack in Taiwan. Similar to pan-fried dumplings, they're crisped until golden on the bottom, yet steamed through so that the filling cooks along with the noodle-like dough. The buns are stuffed with any number of fillings, from vegetable-based ones like the classic green leek version and juicy pork-based versions.

Oyster thin noodles (misua), beef noodles, fish heads and porridge are favorite meals in the local cuisine. Oyster thin noodles are a very popular local noodle soup made from oysters and misua noodles.

Along with its main dishes, Taiwan is also very much known for its street food. CNN once reported that small eats are the big thing in Taiwan due to a culinary philosophy that emphasizes eating often and

eating well. In 2014, CNN Food published a list of "40 types of Taiwan snacks that you cannot live without," and its braised pork rice ranked first.

"Where there's a wisp of smoke from the kitchen chimney, there will be lurou fan [braised pork with rice]," CNN reported, adding that lurou fan is almost synonymous with Taiwanese food.

A bowl of lurou fan combines finely chopped – but not quite minced – pork belly, slow-cooked in aromatic soy sauce with five spices. The meat is spooned over hot rice. The dish tastes sweet and a bit salty.

Dan zaimian is the sixth on the list. The signature dan zaimian is served in shrimp soup with bean sprouts, coriander, minced pork and fresh shrimps. "The bowl of comforting flavors is so addictive that a man from Tainan supposedly ate 18 bowls in a row at the restaurant," CNN reported.

It would be a shame to not to include the classic bubble tea when talking about Taiwan cuisine. The popular drink was invented from a lazy blending of sweetened tapioca pudding and iced Assam tea in 1988.

Today the drink is served in variations that include taro-flavored tea and coffee. ■

Du Xiaoyue Restaurant

BY WANG YAN

In the world of Taiwanese dining, the Du Xiaoyue chain might be the island's best-known export. Although its first location opened as recently as 1985, Du Xiaoyue is already considered a Taiwanese time-honored brand.

Du Xiaoyue was founded by a fisherman named Hong Yutou. In Taiwan, local fishermen usually take a break between Tomb Sweeping Day and Mid-Autumn Festival: that period is known as Xiaoyue. In order to support his family during the off-season, Hong took to selling dan zaimian.

Hong's unique way of preparing noodles was a hit with the locals, and soon his noodle stand turned into a restaurant. Beijing's first Du Xiaoyue opened in 2012, and today it has four locations throughout the city.

The restaurant specializes in dan zaimian and oyster thin noodles. Many customers come just to eat those two dishes. Cherry tomatoes soaked in plum juice are another popular order.

All of Du Xiaoyue's branch stores are located in shopping malls and are easy to reach. If you are craving some Taiwanese flavor or just want to have a taste of the island's food, Du Xiaoyue might be your best choice. ■



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MAKE YOUR OWN WITH THIS RECIPE

Learn to Make Dan Zaimian

BY WANG YAN

Dan zaimian is a very popular dish that originated from southern Taiwan. It is said the dish has a history of at least 100 years. It is known for its fresh and rich taste. This simple recipe can help you to make a basic dan zaimian on your own.

Ingredients:

- ☐ 300g noodles
- ☐ 2 jumbo shrimp
- ☐ scallions
- ☐ caraway seed
- ☐ mashed garlic
- ☐ sesame Oil
- ☐ 5mL pork meat sauce



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The Steps:

1. Add some sesame oil to a wok and begin heating the pan. In another pot, boil the shrimp and reserve the water for later use.
2. Shred the scallions and caraway seed.
3. Boil the noodles with the reserved shrimp water and transfer them to a bowl. Add the meat sauce, mashed garlic and shrimp to the noodles and mix.
4. Garnish with scallions and caraway before serving.

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